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## Federal recognition

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Ms. Elizabeth

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Dear Ms. Elizabeth,

My name is Andrew Jason Vasquez. I am a member of the Choctaw – Apache tribe of Ebarb in Zwolle Louisiana. I am sending you my comments as a member that would like to see our tribe succeed. My Grandfather and my Great Grandparents were also members of the tribe.

We have tried to be recognized federally for some time. But the regulations have been made in a matter that is not helping us.

I am asking that you please change some of your standards so that we may be recognized, like all our ancestors fought for us to be.

Here are a few things I was looking at:

Previous recognition 83.12 may prove criteria from the date of previous acknowledgement since before that the criteria was met.

An example petition may be best to use. It is also that other formats for this whole process because what may work for one may not work for another.

I believe it should be more clearly stated in regulation, evidence should always be interpreted with the context of the historical circumstances of the petitioner history and culture dynamics.

In closing I ask that you look at our history with the new guidelines. In order for us to become Federally Recognized.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jason Vasquez